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Sir:

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The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/007,508, filed November 7, 2001, which is directed to related subject matter. The identification of this U.S. patent application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

Copies of the references were cited by or submitted to the Office in Patent Application No. 10/007,508, filed November 7, 2001, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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